

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2006 in the above-identified application. Based on the foregoing amendments and the following comments, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-36 were previously pending in the application. Claims 14-29 are withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 30, 32 and 33 are amended. Claims 14-29, 31 and 34-36 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-13, 30, 32 and 33 are currently pending in the application, with claims 1, 8, 13 and 30 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has rejected claims 34 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Syed et al. (US 2002/0108021 A1). Claims 30 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Syed et al. in view of Nanda et al. (US 6,038,645). Claims 1-13 are allowed. Claims 31-33 are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Based on the foregoing Amendment, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The limitations of allowable claim 31 have been incorporated into claim 30, and allowable claims 32 and 33 have been amended to depend from claim 30. Accordingly, claims 30, 32 and 33 are allowable.

Based upon the above discussion, claims 1-13, 30, 32 and 33 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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Respectfully submitted,

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